

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The after-final amendment filed March 31, 2010 has been entered.
2. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted with Edward Kriegsman on April 12, 2010, Mr. Kriegsman authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 11-1755 the required fee of \$65.00 for a ONE MONTH extension of time and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1, 31 and 32 have been canceled.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the known prior art fails to fairly teach or suggest all of the elements of the arrangement for analyzing body fluids as currently recited in claim 1. In particular, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest a chamber having inner surfaces with matt black surfaces to

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minimize any optical reflections inside the chamber and antireflection plate inside the chamber and disposed on the side of the container opposite the image recording device; the antireflection plate having a white surface to mask out characters on the container during imaging (analyzing) the body fluid inside the container. Nor does the prior art teach or suggest the antireflection plate having a concave depression corresponding to the peripheral shape of the container.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to P. Kathryn Wright whose telephone number is (571)272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Thursday, 9 AM to 6 PM, EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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